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FENIAN POSTAGE ESSAYS!

ANOTHER EXPOSE!!!

The readers of the *Gazette* may remember that in the January No we surmised that somebody contemplated a Fenian stamp fraud. Time has shewn that our suspicion was well founded. The rumour given at first in a Boston Monthly, has become a reality, and the paper which first announced the prospective issue of Fenian postage essays as a rumour only, now describes and advertises them for sale. Unable to satisfy ourselves that these essays did not belong to the "Baldwin's" family, the history of which was given in our last number, we took the liberty of writing to "President Roberts" for information, and on the 12th ult. we received the following characteristic reply, which, we think, settles the question at issue, and proves conclusively the correctness of our suspicions viz., that the Fenian stamp business, like the Fenian organization itself, is a huge swindle on the gullibility of the public, the only difference being one of degree. But that our readers may judge for themselves we subjoin a copy of the reply *verbatim ad litteram* :—

Head Quarters Fenian Brotherhood,
New York City March 6th, 1866.

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DEAR SIR :—

In behalf of Col. Roberts President of the Fenian Brotherhood, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 2nd ult, enquiring if "it is the intention of the Postal authorities in connection with the affairs of the 'Irish Republic' to issue a 'Fenian Stamp.' In reply I beg to state that at present we have neither 'Postal authorities' nor 'Fenian stamps of the postage description.' The dies that we are just now interested in, are of a different kind from those required in the manufacture of Postage Stamps, and their issue will require no gum-arabic to make them stick. When Ireland is free, when liberty instead of tyranny dwells in Ireland, when the 'Green' flag of the Irish Republic takes the place of the red 'robber rag' of the brutal British Monarchy, then we will think of postage stamps, and then I will do myself the honor to send you one of the first impressions.

Very respectfully yours,

D. O'SULLIVAN,

Sec'y Civil Affairs F. B.

Mr. O'Sullivan, it will be observed, having furnished a most satisfactory reply to our enquiry, relieves himself of a little heroic humour,

and, a brilliant burst of braggart bombast, promises to do himself the honour of sending us one of the first impressions "of the genuine stamp when it appears. and we in return promise our readers, should we live long enough to receive this rarity, that we shall not be backward in letting them know it. Yet we would advise the youngest of them not to be sanguine of ever seeing a genuine Fenian stamp, for this he will never do. But be this as it may, this letter of Mr. O'Sullivan puts it beyond a doubt that no postage stamps or essays have been published or authorized by the "Brotherhood," and that those now advertised as such are forgeries, ~~who~~ we caution our readers against purchasing or countenancing in any way. Collectors should be careful above all things to reject all bad and doubtful stamps or essays. All such in an album is an evidence of weakness, a monument of simplicity and folly. Better have a few well selected and genuine stamps than a whole book full of common coarse counterfeits like the "Baldwins" and the "Fenians."

We have received from Mr. Watten Small of this city a little work well printed by Mr. G. W. Day, entitled POEMS AND SONNETS. The poetry contained therein is of a high order, and not the mere nonsensical gingle of words which now-a-days pass for poetry. As an illustration of Mr. Small's style, we refer our readers to the NEW YEAR ADDRESS that we published in our January number, which was from his pen. We wish our friend every success, and hope to see a second edition of his poems shortly.

MONEY ORDERS drawn at post office St. John, in March, \$1538.28, or \$769.03 more than in the corresponding month last year; paid in March, \$1342.99, being \$3712.29 more than in March, 1865.

\$1335.50, worth of postage stamps were sold at the post office, St. John, during the month of February 1866.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertizement of the "Excelsior Stamp Association." Collectors will find this a *bona fide* institution.